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MEMORANDUM FOR: Col. Burke, Acting Chief, DPD-DD/P
THROUGH : [REDACTED] Chief, Materiel Branch
SUBJECT : P2V7 Program

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1. In accordance with your request of 1 April 1959, [REDACTED] and I have discussed the manner in which we each feel the P2V7 program should be handled.

2. a. We both agree that Materiel should be responsible for normal materiel matters; i.e., procurement of technical representatives, procurement and handling of supplies, ascertaining that adequate maintenance is accomplished, etc.

b. I believe that we differ on one primary point. I feel that there should be one central coordination point for all of the P2V7 matters except operational aspects of training and missions. [REDACTED] 25X1A feels that adequate coordination can be achieved by the distribution of information copies of correspondence.

c. I believe this coordination point is necessary since we are dealing with a small number of airplanes and the development and materiel functions overlap. Unless one coordinating point is established I am afraid that we will find ourselves issuing conflicting instructions to contractors and others with whom we do business. I do not mean that the conflicting instructions are intentional, but signals do get crossed, even with the best of coordination. I do not recommend that the coordinator make all the decisions; materiel should make materiel decisions, development should make development decisions, etc., however, the coordinator should insure that someone is carrying the ball on each aspect and that others with related business are kept informed and a coordinated program conducted.

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